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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	BIOT-008
	First Named Inventor	Hal Sternberg
	Application Number	09/834,747
	Filing Date	April 13, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1616
	Examiner Name	Choi, Frank I.
	Title	<i>Improved Methods of Administering a Synthetic Plasma Like Solution, and Systems and Kits for Use in Practicing the Same</i>

Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before September 27, 2002. In view of the amendments and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of administering a synthetic plasma-like solution to a subject in need thereof, said method comprising:

- (a) reducing the level of CO₂ in said subject in an amount sufficient to reduce the risk of acidosis/acidemia; and
- (b) administering said plasma-like solution to said subject.

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19. (Amended) A system for administering a synthetic plasma-like solution to a subject in need thereof, said system comprising:

- (a) a synthetic plasma-like solution; and
- (b) a means for reducing the CO₂ level of a subject in an amount sufficient to reduce the risk of acidosis/acidemia.